

News



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FREE FUN GALORE ON JULY 28 AS PARTY IN THE PARK RETURNS

Party in the Park, the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District's largest community event of the year, returns on Saturday, July 28, with an extravaganza of free fun for people of all ages.

The 7th annual event – featuring the Beaverton International Celebration for a second straight year – will be staged at the Howard M. Terpenning Recreation Complex, SW 158th and Walker Road, Beaverton. Most activities will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., except The Classic at T-Hills car show (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Family Triathlon (9 a.m. start).

Admission is free for this fun-filled day of entertainment and recreation, which includes sports, food, music, exhibitions and family-friendly activities. There is a modest exhibitor fee for The Classic at T-Hills and a participant fee for the Family Triathlon, but viewing is free.

"This is a fun, active and family-oriented event that gives patrons an opportunity to get outside, enjoy their local park and connect with friends, family and neighbors," said THPRD General Manager Doug Menke. "Admission is free to everything, which is our way of saying thank you to patrons for helping make us a successful park district."

After a strong debut last year, the City of Beaverton will be back to pay homage to the area's diverse community. The Beaverton International Celebration dedicates a portion of the Party in the Park grounds to distinctive music, dance, art, crafts, food, dress and historical information representing many of the ethnic communities that reside in the Beaverton area.

Two Beaverton International Celebration stages will feature artistic, dance and musical performances. Informational tables will feature organizations, associations and businesses representing local ethnic populations.

At noon, Party in the Park will again feature the Beaverton Police Department's popular K-9 Unit demonstration. Kids' activities, available from 11 a.m. on, include inflatable play structures, climbing walls, arts & crafts, and face painting.

THPRD's mobile classroom, the Nature Mobile, will provide nature and science learning opportunities, along with fun activities and games. The THPRD Rec Mobile will host supervised athletic, artistic and educational programs all day.

The Classic at T-Hills will showcase vintage automobiles, trucks and motorcycles on one of the grass athletic fields behind the Athletic Center. The Fabulous Farelanes will play '50s and '60s rock 'n roll and Mark Stevenz will perform his tribute to Elvis.

The Family Triathlon has been a staple of Party in the Park since 2007. It offers children and parents the opportunity to have fun together in a non-competitive 50-yard swim, two-mile bike ride, and 1/3-mile run.

Free drop-in sports activities are scheduled throughout the day, including basketball, volleyball, badminton, pickleball, and table tennis at the Athletic Center.

Other free activities include swimming at the Aquatic Center from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m., a tennis clinic, and drop-in flag football (new this year).

Food and beverages will be available for purchase from several local vendors.

Parking is free for all activities throughout the 92-acre HMT Complex, including the electric car charging station near 158th and NW Schendel Avenue. The complex is served by bus routes 59 and 67, and bicycle racks are available. In addition, THPRD will run a shuttle between the complex and the Merlo Road/SW 158th MAX light rail station.

Formed in 1955, THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning about 50 square miles and serving more than 220,000 residents in the greater Beaverton area. The district provides year-round recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. Offerings include thousands of classes, 90 park sites with active recreational amenities, 60 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and 1,400 acres of natural areas. For more information: www.thprd.org or 503/645-6433.

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The Classic at T-Hills Schedule

Activity	Time
The Classic at T-Hills car show	8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Music: Fabulous Farelans	10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Music: Elvis tribute artist Mark Stevenz & The Memphis Kings	1-3 p.m.

2012 Party in the Park Schedule

Activity	Time
Family Triathlon	9 a.m.
Food vendors	11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Drop-in sports	11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Inflatable play structures	11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Rec Mobile, Nature Mobile	11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Arts & crafts, climbing walls	11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Face painting	11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Beaverton Police K-9 Unit	Noon
Drop-in flag football	1:30-4 p.m.
Free open swim	1:30-3:30 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.
Free tennis clinic	3-4 p.m.

Beaverton International Celebration Schedule

STAGE 1

Group name	Time
Ritim Egzotik (Arabic/Turkish)	11-11:30 a.m.
Northwest Russian American Community Center (Russian)	Noon-12:30 p.m.
Northwest Conservatory of Dance (Latin American mix)	1-1:30 p.m.
Grupo Condor (Latin)	2-2:30 p.m.
Tir Eoghain Ceili Dancers (Irish)	3-3:30 p.m.
Boka Marimba (Zimbabwe)	4-4:30 p.m.

STAGE 2

Group name	Time
Rhythms Dance (Indian)	11:30 a.m.-noon
Hula Halau 'Ohana Holo'oko'a (Hawaiian)	12:30-1 p.m.
Indonesian Performing Arts of Oregon (Indonesian)	1:30-2 p.m.
Nepali Association of Oregon (Nepalese)	2:30-3 p.m.
RASIKA (Indian)	3:30-4 p.m.
Natya Dance Academy (Indian)	4:30-5 p.m.